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Civil Service tentative agreement ratified

Halifax – The tentative agreement reached with the Public Service Commission has been ratified by the NSGEU civil service membership.

There were 3191 votes cast and 65% voted in favour of the tentative agreement.

“A lot of hard work has gone into reaching this agreement and I would like to acknowledge the time and effort put in by the Civil Service Bargaining Committee and our Chief Negotiator Keiren Tompkins,” says Jessome.

The agreement includes enhanced job security in light of the government's ongoing program review along with other language improvements including vacation and health & safety. It also includes a 1 per cent economic adjustment in each of its two years.

The agreement takes effect April 1, 2010 and is in effect to March 31, 2012

There are approximately 7700 members of the civil service.

These women and men provide valuable public services in communities across Nova Scotia.

Members of the civil service work in natural resources, transportation, food and inspection services, social services, community services, the courts, Access Nova Scotia offices, highway safety, occupational health & safety, and much more.

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The Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union represents over 28,000 women and men who provide quality public services Nova Scotians count on every day.

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